

FISCAL NOTE

SB 11 - HB 791

February 24, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Safety to operate a sufficient number of driver testing stations in each grand division of the state. Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Safety to implement extended hours at selected driver testing stations in each grand division, specifying that at a minimum such stations shall remain open until 8:00 PM Monday through Thursday.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$2,127,000 Recurring
\$225,000 One-Time**

Estimate assumes:

- to satisfy the requirement of providing a "sufficient" number of stations, the Department of Safety estimates additional stations and staffing at existing stations will be needed.
- two new full service stations, three new express stations, one new roving station, and two existing roving stations converted to roving base stations with a total of 47 new positions.
- 39 new positions to be added to existing testing stations.
- total increase in state expenditures for salary and benefits for these new positions of \$1,876,710.
- increase in state expenditures for office space and computer and phone lines for new stations, and supplies for all stations adding positions of \$250,360.
- one-time increase in state expenditures for training and physicals for new examiners of \$74,100, and office equipment for new testing stations of \$150,850.
- extended hours required under the provisions of the bill could be handled with the additional positions employing a flex-time schedule.

NOTE: *To the extent the current number of driver license testing stations is deemed "sufficient" the increase in expenditures would be greatly reduced and would be limited to the cost of extending testing station hours as required in the bill which would require fewer additional positions.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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